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SUBJECT: TACK CONTINUES LATIN AMERICAN VISITS

1. CONTINUING SERIES OF HIGH-LEVEL DIPLOMATIC VISITS TO LATIN CAPITALS, BEGUN WITH APRIL 16 VISIT TO BRAZIL OF MISSION HEADED BY VICE PRESIDENT SUCRE AND FOREIGN MINISTER TACK, HAS NOW TAKEN TACK TO BOGOTA APRIL 24 AND TO CARACAS TODAY, APRIL 25. ACCORDING TO ONE REPORT, TACK WILL ALSO VISIT QUITO ON HIS CURRENT TRIP.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS, PURPOSE OF VISITS IS TO BRIEF COLOMBIANS AND VENEZUELAN ON CURRENT STATUS OF CANAL TREATY NEGOTIATIONS. PANAMA'S BID FOR A UN SECURITY COUNCIL SEAT, WHICH PRESIDENT LOPEZ AND PEREZ PREVIOUSLY INFORMALLY ENDORSED DURING MARCH 22-24 "MINI-SUMMIT" MEETING IN PANAMA, ALSO APPARENTLY IS BEING PURSUED. MATUTINO APRIL 25 QUOTED TACK AS TERMING SERSION WITH PRESIDENT LOPEZ AND FOREIGN MINISTER LIEVANO AGUIRRE AS "POSITIVE IN EVERY RESPECT" AND REPORTED THAT, IN ADDITION TO CANAL QUESTION AND PANAMA'S UNSC QUEST, THE TWO SIDES DISCUSSED FORTH-COMING OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING, LATIN-AMERICAN "INTEGRATION," CUBA, THE TRADE ACT, AND THE INTERNAL U.S.

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POLITICAL SITUATION AND ITS IMPACT ON U.S.-LATIN AMERICAN

RELATIONS. IN SEPARATE COMMENTS TO EFE WIRE SERVICE, PANAMA'S UN AMBASSADOR AQUILINO BOYD (WHO WITH MINISTRY POLITICAL ADVISER FORGE ILLUECA AND NEWSMAN MARIO VELASQUE COMPOSED TACK'S PARTY) EXPRESSED HIS CONFIDENCE THAT PANAMA'S POSITION ON THE CANAL "WILL HAVE A BETTER RECEPTION" IN THE U.S. AS A RESULT OF LATIN AMERICAN SUPPORT FOR GOP AND THAT PANAMA IS ONLY ASKING FOR WHAT BELONGS TO HER.

3. TACK'S VISIT TO CARACAS, AND TO QUITO IF HE INDEED ALSO GOES THERE, APPEAR TO BE LAST MINUTE ADDITIONS TO CURRENT SCHEDULE.
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